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TITLE OF INVENTION: GUIDE-IN-GUIDE CATHETER SYSTEM

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Applicant:	PU ZHOU	Confirmation No.:	9382
Serial No.:	10/026,517	Examiner:	Laura C. Schell
Filing Date:	DECEMBER 27, 2001	Group Art Unit:	3767
Docket No.:	1001.2241101	Customer No.:	28075
Title:	GUIDE-IN-GUIDE CATHETER SYSTEM		

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Respectfully submitted,

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